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The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development**Letter dated 29 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith, the texts of the communiqués issued by the States members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA), namely Antigua and Barbuda, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, concerning the coup d'état against the President of the Republic of Honduras, José Manuel Zelaya Rosales (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly under agenda item 20.

(Signed) **Jorge Valero**
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 29 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Enclosure I

The Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas calls for the reinstatement of the Constitutional President of Honduras, Manuel Zelaya

Antigua and Barbuda, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, States members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA) represented in the United Nations:

- Reject and condemn the coup d'état against José Manuel Zelaya, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras, staged by the Honduran armed forces with the connivance of the oligarchy and the reactionary forces of that country
- Call for an immediate return to the rule of law in the Republic of Honduras and the reinstatement of Manuel Zelaya, the legitimate Constitutional President of that country
- Declare that our Governments do not and will not recognize any Government other than the democratically elected Government of President Manuel Zelaya
- Urge the international community not to recognize any Government other than the legitimate Government of President Manuel Zelaya
- Call upon the Honduran armed forces to return immediately to their barracks in order to avoid incidents that could lead to bloodshed
- Appeal to democratic elements within the armed forces to support President Manuel Zelaya and his people
- Demand that the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Patricia Rodas, who was kidnapped by the Honduran armed forces, be released immediately and that her life and dignity be respected
- Condemn the kidnapping and maltreatment by the Honduran armed forces of the Cuban, Nicaraguan and Venezuelan Ambassadors, which is in violation of international law
- Demand that the lives and dignity of President Zelaya's family and all members of the Honduran Government be fully respected
- Request that His Excellency Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the United Nations General Assembly, immediately convene a meeting of the General Assembly to consider this breakdown in the constitutional order of the Republic of Honduras
- Express our solidarity with the democratic, public-spirited demonstrations staged by the Honduran people who are calling for the reinstatement of President Manuel Zelaya and fighting for the democratic principles that have been violated
- Declare our unconditional solidarity with President José Manuel Zelaya.

New York, 28 June 2009

Enclosure II

Declaration by the States members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas condemning the coup d'état that is taking place against the President of the Republic of Honduras, José Manuel Zelaya

We, the States members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA) represented in the United Nations, deeply concerned at the events that are taking place in the Republic of Honduras, hereby:

- Draw the international community's attention to the coup d'état being staged against José Manuel Zelaya, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras
- Stress that this coup d'état is intended to prevent the holding of a democratic public consultation to establish whether the people agree to the convening of a constituent assembly
- Condemn this coup which is against the genuine aspirations of the citizens of Honduras, who demand to be taken into account through processes of consultation and democratic forms of expression
- Call on the international community to reject this attempt to break down the democratic constitutional order, as well as all violent and destabilizing actions against the Honduran people and Government
- Declare our unconditional solidarity with President José Manuel Zelaya and the Honduran people
- Reiterate our firm support for the declaration endorsing the popular consultation process in Honduras, which was adopted at the ALBA summit held yesterday, 24 June 2009, in Maracay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Antigua and Barbuda, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

New York, 25 June 2009